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*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**M**Any and Great are the Obligations you owe to His Majesty. I shall mention but a few of them. His Majesty himself has appeared in your Cause. He has fought your Battles; And at His own personal hazard has Restored you to your Religion and Estates. And that every thing may concur to make you happy, His Majesty has now called you together to meet in Parliament, That by Reasonable and Necessary Laws you may prevent the like Dangers for the time to come, and secure your selves and your Posterity upon the best and surest Foundations.

I shall not, I am sure I ought not to doubt but you will make Returns of Loyalty and Affection suitable to the Extraordinary Benefits you have received, which cannot be better Express't then by a Dutifull and Gratefull Comportment towards His Majesty, and by shewing a perfect and forward Zeal in such things as tend to His Honour, and your own Advantage.

I must acquaint you that His Majesty's Revenue has fallen short of the Establishment, which has occasioned great Debts to the Civil and Military Lists; That it is with Difficulty (and Stopping all manner of Payments but what are absolutely Necessary) that the Army hath hitherto been Subsisted. There are also several other Debts due from the Crown, a State whereof I have Ordered to be laid before You Gentlemen of the House of Commons, By which you will see, That Supplies are Necessary for the discharge of those Debts, and for Support of the Government.

For Raising some part of this Money, His Majesty has sent you a Bill for An Additional Duty of Excise; And he expects from You Gentlemen of the House of Commons, That you will consider of Ways and Means for Raising such other Summs as are requisite for His Service, and prepare Heads of Bills to be pas't

into Laws in due Form, And you will be the more Chearfull in giving, when I assure you that what Monies you give shall be applied to the Uses for which it is Given.

One thing I must recommend to You, That you will take some Care for the Rebuilding and Repairing of Churches in the severall parts of the Countrey, That the People having Decent Publick Places of Worship may be the better Instructed in their Duty to Their God, and Obedience to Their King. It is a Tribute Due to Almighty God for Our late Preservation and Deliverance; And will I am verily perswaded be one of the best means you can think of to preserve the true Established Religion, and to provide against future Rebellions.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I must Inform You, That the Lords Justices of *England* have with great Application and Dispatch Considered and Re-Transmitted All the Bills sent to them; That some of these Bills have more Effectually provided for your Future Security, then hath ever hitherto been done, and in my Opinion the want of such Laws has been one of the great Causes of your past Miseries: And it will be your Fault, as well as Misfortune, if you Neglect to lay hold on the Opportunity now put into Your Hands by Our Great and Gracious King of making such a Lasting Settlement, That it may never more be in the Power of your Enemies to bring the like Calamities again upon you, or to put *England* to that vast Expence of Blood and Treasure, it hath so often been at, for Securing this Kingdom to the Crown of *England*.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Me His Deputy in this Government; I am truly sensible of my unfitness for this great Station, and the Difficulties which attend it, Yet I assure you I Have and Will Discharge the Trust Reposed in Me with a stedfast Loyalty and Truth to His Majesty's Interest and Service, and with a perfect Sincerity to Yours: And that I have no other End or Ambition, Then to see You settled under His Majesty's Most Happy Government in Peace and Prosperity,

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